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1081 Dufferin St.,
Toronto 4, Ont.

Mr. H.R. Hanson, Secretary,
Ontario Committee on Taxation,
263 McCaul St.,
City.

Dear Sir:

Much appreciate your Advertisement in Monday's Star Newspaper, re meetings and Public Hearings on Taxation,- and wish to convey my Radical Opinions on Ontario's proposed increased taxes.

We believe no increase in Taxes whatsoever is necessary whilst the main source of Tax Income goes untouched. We mean the Real Estate Business in Toronto and Ontario - in general. From the Yellow Business Pages in the Bell Telephone Co. index in 1945 we had ½ a column of Real Estaters; now in 1963 we have over 14 columns of Real Estate Firms (an increase of 2800 per cent) and what are the Civic, Provincial and Federal Govts. getting out of it?? This huge business and no Tax? Income? All these property Transfers, lots that sold at 6-8, 10-16 dollars a foot, now asked 100-500 & 1000 dollars per foot. A Property Transfer Tax, graduated from ½ of one per cent to 10% according to the huge profits involved: should be immediately applied, and made retroactive to the 1st of January, 1964. The graduated Income Tax Forms filled annually hardly touch on these phantom Incomes. On top of all this we have a wildly extravagant Board of Education in the City & Province, looking for and squeezing the Public through Newspaper Comparisons, yelling for New Schools, Auditoriums, Skating Rinks, Gymnasiums, Music Rooms, Swimming Pools, Changed Books, School Buses to your front door, Big Increases of Pay etc., etc. How can the Schools be run on an economical basis? If they'd get all necessary class rooms first and then your frills and polishes, we'd do better. It needs a big clean up of all the Acclaimed Tin Trustees, and big shuffle in the Board of Education - before a monster Petition is made necessary. People & business men, that have been pushed out of their homes and see them then smashed in Brick rubble, for teachers cars and kids bicycles, parking & playgrounds are embittered more than you think. Cut down on the extravagances and wild expenditures and you'll have plenty to run on like you did 5 years ago.

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Yours V. Sincerely,

Signature,
A.J. Woodward.

The Divine God says "I am God I change not". The Board of Education wants everything changed, and with absolutely no consideration for the Taxpayers whatever.